

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended. Support for the amendments is provided in paragraphs [0010] and [0057] of the specification and in Fig. 4. No new matter is added.

I. Interview

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Kayrish in the June 24, 2008 personal interview. As stated in the Interview Summary, proposed features were discussed that would distinguish the applied art. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

II. 35 U.S.C. §. 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sluzewski (U.S. Patent No. 6,985,332) in view of Kamijima (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0099054). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding claims 1, 4 and 8, Applicants have amended each independent claim to include several features that are not taught in the references. In particular, each claim now recites that the second pole of the device to be energized is conductible by way of a second surface of the head slider, the second surface not being in contact with the first surface.

As admitted by the Examiner, Sluzweski fails to teach a device used to power a heat device, where a second pole device to be energized is conductible by way of a second surface of the head.

Kamijima fails to cure the deficiencies of Sluzewski. Thus, Sluzewski and Kamijima, alone or in combination, would not have or collectively taught or suggested the features of claims 1, 4 and 8. Therefore, the independent claims are allowable.

Because the independent claims are allowable, the dependent claims are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons discussed above in discussion

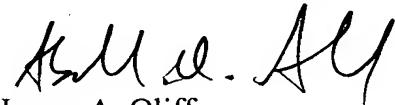
with claims 1, 4 and 8, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

I. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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